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**RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

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**NOTICE TO VENDORS**

Each bid proposal for a *public works project* must include a "public copy" to be available for public inspection upon the opening of bids. **Bid proposals that do not include a copy for public inspection will be deemed nonresponsive.**

To comply with this requirement, *in addition to* the Quest Lite compatible electronic copy and one hard copy, bid proposals for *highway and bridge public works projects* must also include a duplicate original of the Quest Lite compatible electronic copy on a **read-only** CD-R media disc as the "public copy."

The public copy disc must be separately enclosed in a protective cover clearly marked "Public Copy" and include the following information (all available from the Bidder Certification Cover Form): (1) title of solicitation; (2) name of bidder and RIVIP vendor ID number; (3) bid number; and (4) date of bid.

The public copy may redact any trade secrets or commercial or financial information which is of a privileged or confidential nature pursuant to the "Access to Public Records Act," R. I. Gen. Laws §§ 38-2-1 *et seq.*

For further information on how to comply with this statutory requirement, see R. I. Gen. Laws §§ 37-2-18(b) and (j). Also see Procurement Regulations 5.11, 5.13, and 12.102.05 accessible at [www.purchasing.ri.gov](http://www.purchasing.ri.gov).